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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 27 COUP ATTEMPT AND ITS AFTERMATH:
POTENTIAL IMPACT ON USIS PROGRAMMING

1. IN LIGHT OF THE SECOND COUP ATTEMPT OF 1992, USIS OFFICERS AND EMBASSY COLLEAGUES ARE CURRENTLY EVALUATING WHAT IMPACT THE EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS MIGHT HAVE ON USIS COUNTRY OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMMING PLANS. WHILE THE EVALUATION WILL GO ON AS POST RESUMES

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CONTACTS WITH MEDIA, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, THE INITIAL CONCLUSION IS THAT THE POST'S OBJECTIVES WHICH WERE REVISED AFTER FEBRUARY 4'S ABORTIVE COUP AND AGAIN IN THE USIS FY-93 COUNTRY PLAN PROGRAM DO NOT NEED TO BE ALTERED.

2. IN TERMS OF SHORT-TERM PROGRAMMING, THE COUP ATTEMPT ONLY ADVERSELY AFFECTED ONE CURRENT PROGRAM, THE VISIT OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (AOJ) SPEAKER, JUDGE JUAN BURCIAGA. THE JUDGE HAD COMPLETED MOST OF

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HIS LOCAL PROGRAM BUT A NOVEMBER 27 SESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CARABOBO IN VALENCIA AND A NOVEMBER 30 SPEECH TO THE VENEZUELAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY HAD TO BE CANCELED. OTHER THAN A POSSIBLE POPULAR MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY GUITARIST DAVID LAMAR TO BE HELD IN MID-DECEMBER, THE POST HAS NO PROGRAMMING PLANS BEFORE MID-JANUARY.

3. THE POST BELIEVES THAT ITS PROGRAM DESIGN BASED ON THE MISSION'S COUNTRY OBJECTIVES WITH STRESS ON DEMOCRACY-BUILDING, ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORTS AND THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS INITIATIVES NEED NOT BE CHANGED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE COUP ATTEMPT AND THE ON-GOING VENEZUELAN PUBLIC ANALYSIS OF WHAT HAPPENED AND WHERE THE COUNTRY IS HEADED WILL IN ANY WAY DIMINISH LOCAL PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES. SIMILARLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AS MUCH INTEREST AS EVER IN LEARNING ABOUT AMERICAN SOCIETY, CULTURE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY IN THE U.S.

4. POST BELIEVES THAT TRADITIONAL PROGRAMMING ELEMENTS SUCH AS THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, INTERNATIONAL VISITOR AND OTHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY THE AFTERMATH OF YCOXRPNWJAVQNEEDS TO BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN THESE INSTITUTIONS, TH POST WILL PROBABLY INCREASE ITS REQUESTS FOR USIA PROGRAM/PRODUCT SUPPORT IN DEMOCRACY-BUILDING WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: MILITARY-CIVILIAN RELATIONS; ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE; FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESS; GRASSROOTS CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS; DECENTRALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. THESE SUBJECT AREAS GO TO THE HEART OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN ENGAGE VENEZUELAN CONTACTS THROUGH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, PRINT PRODUCTS, WORLDNET PROGRAMS AND US SPEAKERS PROJECTS THE POST WILL HAVE MADE A MODEST CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ARMING INTERESTED VENEZUELAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS WITH INFORMATION AND IDEAS. SKOL